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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LISTING ITEMS GLOBALLY AND REGIONALLY, AND CUSTOMIZED LISTING
ACCORDING TO CURRENCY OR SHIPPING AREA

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 793 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 793 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/905,525

Applicant(s)

BOONE ET AL.

Examiner

Robert M. Pond

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment (6/5/09); Interview (20090910); Examiner's Amdt (20090910).
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-25 and 41-53.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/5/09
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20090910
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Robert M. Pond/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3625

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joseph J. Wang #61,123 on 10 September 2009.

Claims Allowed

Claims 1-4, 6-25 and 41-53 entered 05 June 2009 are allowed. Claims 5 and 26-40 are canceled.

In the Claims

- Delete claims 1, in their entirety and insert therefore:
 - 1. A method to facilitate network-based commerce, the method including:
generating a map file storing a first plurality of records, the first plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for a first plurality of offerings, the first plurality of offerings including a second plurality of offerings, the first plurality of records including a second plurality of records, the second plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for the second plurality of offerings, the second plurality of records grouped to facilitate a

reduction in processing to retrieve the second plurality of records, the generating being performed by a server machine of a network-based commerce facility;

receiving a request from a user;

determining a site that the user accesses, the site being one of multiple sites operated by the network-based commerce facility;

retrieving a category list available for the site and retrieving the second plurality of records from the map file, the second plurality of records associated with the second plurality of offerings, the retrieving responsive to receiving the request, the category list identifying categories of the second plurality of offerings available via the site that the user accesses; and

communicating the category list to the user, the category list including offering categories including the second plurality of offerings including a first offering available for sale via the network-based commerce facility in a location including a particular region, the first offering including a listing currency and a native currency that is associated with the particular region.- -

- -7. A method to facilitate network-based commerce, the method including:

generating a map file storing a first plurality of records, the first plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for a first plurality of offerings, the first plurality of offerings including a second plurality of offerings, the first plurality of records including a second plurality of records, the second plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for the second plurality of offerings, the second plurality of records grouped to facilitate a reduction in processing to retrieve the second plurality of records, the generating being performed by a server machine of a network-based commerce facility;

retrieving the second plurality of records from the map file responsive to receiving a request from a user, the second plurality of records respectively associated with the second plurality of offerings including an offering, the retrieving including determining that the offering is available in a particular

geographic region, the offering being presented for sale via the network-based commerce facility; and

displaying information concerning the offering to a user associated with the particular geographic region, the displaying of the information concerning the offering including displaying a listing currency in conjunction with a native currency.- -

- -14. A method to facilitate network-based commerce, the method including:

generating a map file storing a first plurality of records, the first plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for a first plurality of offerings, the first plurality of offerings including a second plurality of offerings, the first plurality of records including a second plurality of records, the second plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for the second plurality of offerings, the second plurality of records grouped to facilitate a reduction in processing to retrieve the second plurality of record, the generating being performed by a server machine of a network-based commerce facility that operates a plurality of sites that includes a site;

retrieving the second plurality of records from the map file responsive to receiving a request, the second plurality of records respectively associated with the second plurality of offerings including an offering that is presented for sale by the network-based commerce facility, the retrieving including determining a listing currency of the offering;'

converting the listing currency of the offering into a native currency of the site; and

displaying the listing currency in conjunction with the native currency.- -

- -18. A method to facilitate network-based commerce, the method including:
 - generating a map file storing a first plurality of records, the first plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for a first plurality of offerings, the first plurality of offerings including a second plurality of offerings, the first plurality of records including a second plurality of records, the second plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for the second plurality of offerings, the second plurality of records grouped to facilitate a reduction in processing to retrieve the second plurality of records, the generating being performed by a server machine of a network-based commerce facility;
 - receiving a request from a client machine;
 - performing a search to locate an offering having an offering characteristic that is specified;
 - retrieving the second plurality of records from the map file responsive to receiving the request, the second plurality of records respectively associated with the second plurality of offerings including the offering, the retrieving including determining that the offering is available in a particular geographic region associated with a user; and
 - displaying information concerning the offering to the user, the displaying of the information concerning the offering including displaying a listing currency in conjunction with a native currency to the user.- -

- 52. A system to facilitate network-based commerce, the system including:

a listing module implemented by at least one processor of the system and configured by instructions stored in a memory of the system, the listing module to generate a map file and store the map file in a machine-readable storage medium, the map file storing a first plurality of records, the first plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for a first plurality of offerings, the first plurality of offerings including a second plurality of offerings, the first plurality of records including a second plurality of records, the second plurality of records respectively storing summarizing information for the second plurality of offerings, the second plurality of records grouped to facilitate a reduction in processing to retrieve the second plurality of records;

a parser module implemented by the at least one processor and configured by the instructions stored in the memory, the parser module to receive a request from a user and determine a site that the user accesses, the site being one of multiple sites operated by a network-based commerce facility;

a kernel module implemented by the at least one processor and configured by the instructions stored in the memory, the kernel module to retrieve a category list available for the site and the second plurality of records from the map file, the kernel module to retrieve responsive to receipt of the request, the second plurality of records respectively associated with the second plurality of offerings, the category list identifying categories of the second plurality of offerings available via the site that the user accesses; and

a communication module implemented by the at least one processor and configured by the instructions stored in the memory, the communication module to communicate the category list to the user, the category list including offering categories including the second plurality of offerings including a first offering available for sale via the network-based commerce facility in a location including a particular region, the first offering including a listing currency and a native currency that is associated with the particular region.- -

Examiners' Notes

Closest US Patent/ US Patent Publication Prior Art

Applicants' arguments filed 05 June 2009 pertaining to Nemzow are persuasive. Nemzow (Paper #20090224 entered 05 March 2009, US 6,721,715) is the closest patent prior art. Forward and backward citations of Nemzow failed to produce closer prior art. Neither the previously cited prior art nor closest prior art Nemzow alone or in combination with other prior art teach and suggest the combinations of methods as claimed.

Closest Non-Patent Literature Prior Art

Applicants' arguments filed 05 June 2009 pertaining to Lassila (Paper #20090224 entered 05 March 2009, Item U) are persuasive. Lassila is the closest patent prior art. Neither the previously cited prior art nor closest prior art Lassila alone or in combination with other prior art teach and suggest the combinations of methods as claimed.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert M. Pond whose telephone number is 571-272-6760. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Jeff Smith can be reached on 571-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Robert M. Pond/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3625
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